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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) Surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol, characterized in that the oxides are selected from the group consisting of SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , B_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , In_2O_3 , ZnO , Fe_2O_3 , Nb_2O_5 , V_2O_5 , WO_3 , SnO_2 and GeO_2 .

3. (Amended) The surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the surface is modified with one or several compounds selected from the following groups: